



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

P.O. BOX 60267

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70160-0267

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

Operations Division
Regulatory Branch

SUBJECT: CEMVN-OD-S (General Permit) NOD-27

GENERAL PERMIT FOR

LOWERING OR RELOCATING PIPELINES DUE TO EROSION, INSTALLING
PIPELINES USING THE DIRECTIONAL DRILLING METHOD AND SUBMARINE
CABLES IN THAT PORTION OF THE NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT OUTSIDE THE
LOUISIANA COASTAL MANAGEMENT ZONE

AUTHORIZATION NO.: (General Permit) NOD-27

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 31, 2000

EXPIRATION DATE: August 31, 2005

Under authorization granted by Section 325.8(b) Title 33,
Code of Federal Regulations, the District Engineer at
New Orleans has determined, in the public interest, that a
general permit should be authorized to perform work in that part
of the New Orleans District outside of the Louisiana Coastal
Zone.

Specific legislation requiring Department of the Army
permits for these activities are:

a. Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899
(33 USC 403).

b. Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344).

Structures and activities of this general permit include
the following:

a. Lowering or relocating pipelines due to erosion.

b. Submarine cables installed at a depth of not less than
3 feet below the bed of the waterway.

c. Installation of pipelines using the directional drilling method. If the proposed work is located within 1,000 feet of a levee constructed and/or maintained with Federal or state funds, prior approval must be obtained from the appropriate agencies.

Work may not be performed under authority of this general permit within the following areas:

a. Within the boundaries of a national or state wildlife refuge, wildlife management area, national and state parks, or other similar area without specific authorization by the manager of the facility.

b. In or immediately adjacent to a federal or state natural and scenic waterway.

c. Within one mile of a site eligible to be listed or listed on the National Register of Historic Places or within one-half mile of a known archeological site or within one-half mile of any known cultural resource site.

d. Within 1,000 feet of a levee constructed and/or maintained with federal funds.

e. Any project waterway constructed and/or maintained with federal funds.

f. Within 1,500 feet of a colonial bird nesting site.

The approximate boundaries of that portion of the U. S. Army Engineer District, New Orleans, outside the Louisiana Coastal Management Zone, are shown on the attached map.

In addition to the appropriate conditions of the Department of the Army permit (ENG Form 1721), as shown on the attached copy of the form, the work authorized by this general permit is subject to the following special conditions:

a. No work may be performed until the applicant submits satisfactory plans for the proposed activity and has received written approval by the District Engineer.

shall occur with 3,000 feet of a bald eagle nesting site or within 1 mile of a brown pelican nest site during the nesting season.

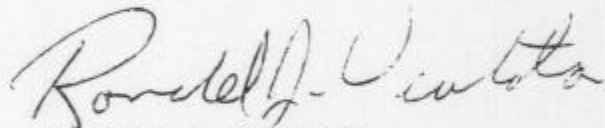
j. The permittee agrees to make every reasonable effort to prosecute the construction or operation of the work authorized herein in a manner so as to minimize any adverse impact of fish, wildlife, and natural environmental values.

k. The permittee agrees that he or she will prosecute the construction or work authorized herein in a manner so as to minimize any degradation of water quality.

l. The permittee shall maintain the structure or work authorized herein in good condition and in reasonable accordance with the plans and drawings approved under this general permit.

m. Individual approvals granted under this general permit allow three years from the date of the approval letter to complete the project.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



Ronald J. Ventola
Chief, Regulatory Branch
for
Thomas F. Julich
Colonel, U. S. Army
District Engineer

- 3 Enclosures
- 1. ENG Form 1721
- 2. Map
- 3. Drawings



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SPECIAL PUBLIC NOTICE

TIME EXTENSION FOR THE GENERAL PERMIT FOR LOWERING OR RELOCATING PIPELINES DUE TO EROSION, INSTALLING PIPELINES USING THE DIRECTIONAL DRILLING METHOD AND SUBMARINE CABLES IN THAT PORTION OF THE NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT OUTSIDE THE LOUISIANA COASTAL MANAGEMENT ZONE

Interested parties are hereby notified that (General Permit) NOD-27, originally issued by this office on August 20, 1985, for lowering or relocating pipelines due to erosion, installing pipelines using the directional drilling method and submarine cables in that portion of the New Orleans District outside the Louisiana Coastal Zone is being extended until August 31, 2005.

The proposed time extension was advertised for public comment on April 12, 2000. Changes made to the general permit are as follows:

1. Condition "f," page 2 is revised to read: "Within 1,500 feet of a colonial bird nesting site."
2. Condition "i," page 3 is revised to read: "No activity that is likely to adversely affect Federally listed threatened or endangered species, or that is likely to destroy or adversely modify the critical habitat of such species, is authorized under this general permit." In addition, the example is revised to state that no work shall be performed within 3,000 feet of a bald nesting site.

Although the general permit is being extended, persons who become aware of problems or adverse impacts are requested to notify the Regulatory Branch of this District at the above address. This general permit will be suspended, revoked, or modified if it is shown to be in the public interest to take such action.

Ronnie W. Dube
for Ronald J. Ventola
Chief, Regulatory Branch